

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 3118

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

**Angelo M. Scaccia**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to establish reduced telephone rates for deaf residents of the commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Angelo M. Scaccia

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

14th Suffolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3374 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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### AN ACT TO ESTABLISH REDUCED TELEPHONE RATES FOR DEAF RESIDENTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority  
of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Section 84-A-H of Chapter 6 as created by St. 1974, ch. 805, section 1 is hereby  
2 amended by adding the following new section 84I: —  
3 Section 84I. The Office of Deafness shall be responsible for insuring that every deaf resident of the  
4 Commonwealth shall be eligible for reduced telephone rates. The office shall require that wherever there  
5 are five or more public telephones located in close proximity to each other, one of these shall be a  
6 telephone which can be used by a deaf person. Reduced telephone rates as provided for in this section  
7 shall be charged to the customer in accordance with the message unit rate approved by the Department.  
8 Reduced telephone rates shall be available only to residential telephone customers.